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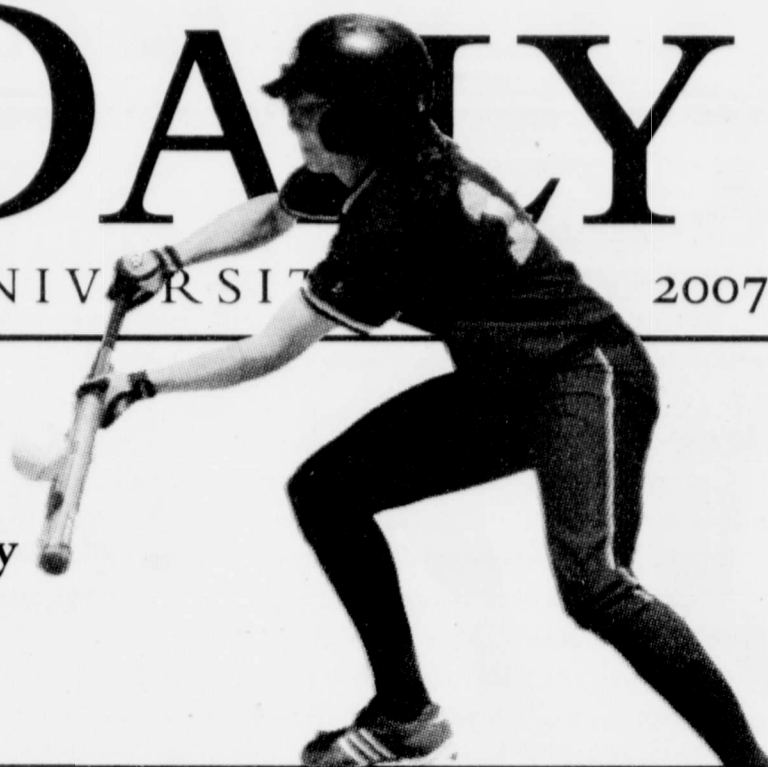


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Unlimited spending

Combined, Arvand Sabetian, Brandon Souza and Matt Taylor spent \$14,600 on their campaigns. Currently, ASI has no spending cap.

Jennifer Hall
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Bright colored fliers, hundreds of identical T-shirts and buttons with catchy slogans mean just one thing to some people: election time.

But behind the vibrant banners and booths it means something quite different. Money. And lots of it.

This year, three students took on the challenge of running in the 2007-08 Associated Students Inc. presidential elections. All three were well-qualified and wanted to make Cal Poly a better place for students.

And all three spent thousands of dollars on their campaigns.

"Every year as more people run, it gets more competitive and people spend more and

more," said Mia White, director of the elections committee for ASI.

Where the money comes from

President-elect Brandon Souza spent \$4,000 on his campaign, the lowest of the three candidates. Matt Taylor spent \$4,600 and Arvand Sabetian spent \$6,000.

"I (ran) because I believe I can do the best for students. It's not about the money," Souza said. "Just because you don't have a lot of money to put into a campaign doesn't mean you aren't qualified."

In fact, in 2003, presidential candidate Allison Anderson ran with just \$500 and won.

"Money doesn't necessarily win you the campaign," current ASI President Todd Maki said.

Candidates have many options to raise money for their campaign. Some fundraise or ask for donations from businesses, friends and family. Others choose to self-finance by working.

Taylor worked a full-time job all last year in order to fund his campaign, stating that he didn't want his friends to pay for it.

"If you want to do this you should be willing to make the sacrifice," Taylor said. "You shouldn't be playing with other people's chips."

Souza and Sabetian combined donations from businesses, organizations, friends and family with their own money to fund the campaign, though most of Sabetian's money came from his Internet business, Arvix, LLC.

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ASI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SPENDING

2007	Brandon Souza	\$4,000	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
	Matt Taylor	\$4,600	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
	Arvand Sabetian	\$6,000	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
2006	Todd Maki	\$2,480	\$\$\$\$\$
	Anne Giapapas	\$5,000	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
2005	Tyler Middlestadt	\$1,150	\$\$\$
	Mike Motroni	\$3,500	\$\$\$\$\$

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Brooke Robertson
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United Blood Services of the Central Coast currently does not have the supplies to see it through the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, when demand for blood typically increases severely.

"A lot of traveling goes on and more car accidents occur," communication studies senior Brinn Baker said.

Baker, along with speech communication senior Nicole Wellman, has helped promote today's on-campus blood drive as a part of her senior project. United Blood Services will have its mobile station set up on Mott Lawn today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in coordination with the Student Health and Wellness Team.

Today's blood drive coincides with United Blood Service's Memorial Day Challenge, a push for the organization to collect at least 3,000 pints of blood before the weekend, which are needed to ensure sufficient blood supplies.

Baker said the need for blood increases during Memorial Day weekend because a lot of people are traveling and performing unsafe activities, but that's a reality.

"You're not going to feel too bad for the drunk driver who needs the blood, but if an unsuspecting person gets hit then they need it too," she said.

United Blood Services needs all blood types, especially O-, A- and B-, which the organization lists as "critically low" on its Web site.

In addition to the 3,000 pints needed before Memorial Day weekend, United Blood Services estimates it will require at least 3,000 more pints before June 9 in order to ensure a sufficient supply of blood into the early summer months.

"Compared to Thanksgiving and Christmas when you feel like there's more of that motivation to give to others, I feel like in summer you don't quite get that," Baker said.

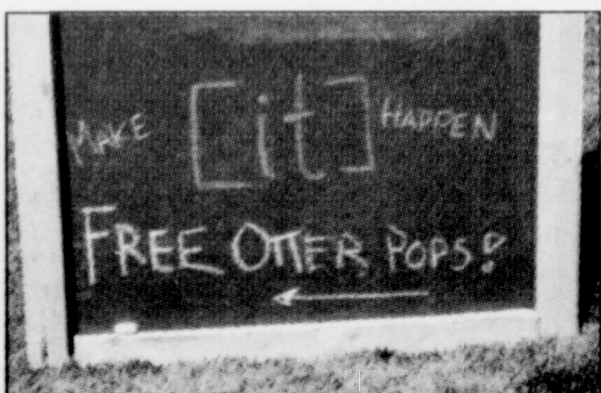
College students, who make up the largest demographic of blood donors, typically leave the San Luis Obispo area during the summer, leaving Central Coast blood supplies at their lowest.

Baker lists fear of needles and an unwillingness to give their time as the top reasons many choose not to donate blood.

"They pull the, 'I'm too busy' thing a lot," Baker said, although "it only takes 45 minutes."

As a part of their campaign, Baker and Wellman asked students in Cal Poly classrooms if they had time an open, 45-minute time slot between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Almost

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The three candidates for ASI president spent more money on food, apparel, signs and other items than candidates before them.

Professor leads way through castle halls



COURTESY PHOTO

Speech communications professor Jeffrey Schultz has been giving tours at Hearst Castle for 10 years.

Giana Magnoli
MUSTANG DAILY

Speech communications professor Jeffrey Schultz spends his weekends and summers among antiques, beautiful gardens and hundreds of strangers. He is in his 10th year as a Hearst Castle tour guide, and works at the castle part-time and teaches at Cal Poly part-time.

"It's a state job — nobody's getting rich. You do it because you love it," Schultz said. "The place is so unique and so remarkable. And people have such a 'wow' factor, and you get told every two hours what a great job you just did. There aren't many of those kinds of jobs around, believe me."

The state historical monument gets about 750,000 visitors a year, and during busy summer days, can have 70 guides working. Publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst had the estate built and entertained many guests there over the years.

Though many other guides have been working there longer than he has, Schultz has had the desire since he graduated from Cal Poly.

"I nearly went to work there the summer of '71 before I went on to get my master's in fine arts," he said. "If they had hired one more person that year, I would have worked that summer, so it was kind of implanted

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"You're almost backed into a corner," Souza said. "You're going to have to spend some dough to get anywhere."

No cap for candidates

Currently, ASI presidential candidates can spend as little or as much as they want on their campaign. There is no spending cap or any other regulations related to how much money is involved.

"The cost involved is huge, not only financially, but also the time and emotions," Taylor said.

In the past, ASI had rules that limited the amount students could spend on a campaign and even discussed implementing a cap. But ultimately, they were advised not to for free speech reasons.

"Political money is protected by free speech laws," 2005-06 ASI President Tylor Middlestadt said. "ASI as an organization has no right to limit how people spend their money."

Despite the free speech argument, many campuses still impose caps on campaign spending.

CSU Long Beach found a middle ground by asking candidates to follow a voluntary spending limit when they sign on to run.

Boston University has a \$500 cap for primary elections and candidates are allowed to spend an additional \$150 if they advance to a second round.

"Something that low can't even pierce the skin of an 18,000 student body," Maki said.

Spending caps vary considerably; Texas A&M has a \$1,500 limit while CSU Monterey Bay has a \$75 limit.

"Other ASIs do have these policies that limit spending but they're not legit," Middlestadt said.

Another idea that had been proposed included ASI funding the candidates who ran for office, White said.

"If someone else funds it, then everyone's going to jump in," executive director of ASI Rick Johnson said.

When dollars matter at the polls

In addition to concerns over the quality of the candidates running is improving voter turnout campus wide.

"We don't want campaigning to disrupt from life on campus," White said. "But we want to get the vote up too."

"Any time money is involved, you have to ask where it's coming from and are there strings attached. It's important for students to know where the candidates are getting their money."

—Tylor Middlestadt
2005-06 ASI president

This year, 25.5 percent of the student body voted in the first round of elections and 14 percent voted in the run-off election.

"(Elections) are good for the campus because they get people's attention," Sabetian said. "It's getting a lot of students to support ASI government and elections."

The payoff

In return for serving as ASI president, the winning candidate is provided with a stipend during his or her term of office that covers tuition, room and board, books and supplies, personal and transportation expenses as estimated by the Financial Aid Office.

"It's equivalent of a full ride scholarship," Middlestadt said.

This year, that amount totaled \$17,043 and for the 2007-08 academic year the total will be \$17,901, according to the Financial Aid Web site.

The ASI president also gets their own parking spot and priority registration.

Reporting the numbers

ASI presidential candidates are required to write a \$100 check to ASI prior to the start of campaigning. They receive a refund for that check when they complete a voluntary self-reported financial summary at the end of campaigning.

"There's really no reason for someone not to report," Sabetian

said.

However, there is no system in place to check up on what the candidates are self-reporting.

"Right now it's an honor system on what you're reporting and not reporting," Souza said. He planned to donate any leftover money he raised to Doctors Without Borders, a humanitarian organization that provides emergency health care.

After the candidates give their financial summary to Student Life and Leadership, it is sent to the ASI Business Office and the refund is processed.

Upon a Mustang Daily inquiry, ASI was unable to provide any financial reports from past elections.

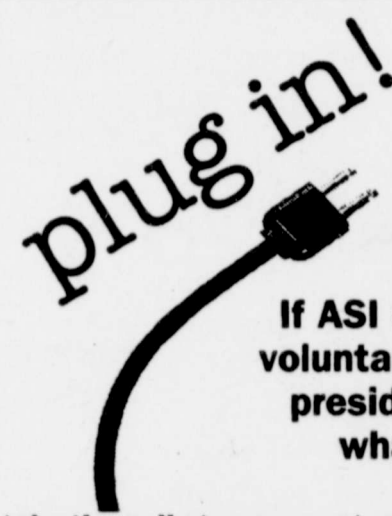
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There have been no talks about implementing a voluntary cap or any other sort of campaign finance measures since 2004 when Middlestadt offered to head a committee to look into the matter.

"I felt that with the amount people were spending, it was intimidating people from running," Middlestadt said. "If it gets to be so much that people aren't even throwing their hat in the ring, then it's a problem."

Most people involved with elections said that the amount candidates spend on their campaigns is not a deterrent yet.

"It's an issue that needs to be discussed," Middlestadt said. "But it's not a problem right now."



If ASI decided to adopt a voluntary spending limit for presidential candidates, what should it be?

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in my mind."

If he had worked back then, he would have been able to swim in the gorgeous pools every night if he wanted too; employees today get to swim in them once a year.

The estate's many tours include a handicapped-accessible tour, Schultz' favorite to guide, which visits a guest house, the gardens and the kitchen.

While the job is a performance, the guide is not supposed to be the center of attention; "the place, the stuff and the stories, that's what it's about," he said. Guides are responsible for dispensing the information, but have no set script. Being open to questions also helps shape a tour, he said.

Schultz teaches public speaking, and realizes that his other job has a different approach than that his students are learning.

"It's a type of public speaking that's very unusual in that it's not at a podium and certainly not with a microphone," he said. "And you're talking to groups ranging from as little as two people to 56, indoors and outdoors, in all weathers."

One extreme situation was during the 6.5-magnitude earthquake in 2003. He was giving a tour when it hit.

"It shook the house so much that all the bells started clanging at once," he said. However, only 11 out of around 22,500 antique pieces were damaged.

He credits the estate's survival of the quake to the genius of Julia Morgan, the first female architect in California who was in charge of the project. She worked with Hearst for more than 20 years, while

working on 300 other commissions elsewhere.

In fact, Schultz is working on a master's thesis right now dealing with "the synergy between Julia Morgan, the architect, and William Randolph Hearst through three decades," he said. "The roaring '20s, the Depression, through the period of World War II ... despite all the things that were going on in the world, they kept the other project going. No other people, I contend, could have done that."

Much of his research has been done in the Robert E. Kennedy Library, which has a large amount of Morgan's original personal and professional documents in its Special Collections department, including letters exchanged between Morgan and Hearst. According to the library's Web site, most of the material is from the late 1890s when Morgan studied architecture in Paris, to the mid-1940s, when her practice started to wind down.

To add to his list of Hearst-related activities, Schultz, once a professional actor, researched, wrote and performed a one-act play about George Hearst, the father of William Randolph Hearst.

"I just like that time better than the future, where it's going. I'm more comfortable," he said.

Of Hearst Castle's existence, he attributed it to the rare qualities of Hearst's era.

It was an "unique opportunity with the availability of the antiques because they desperately needed money in Europe, and the availability of craftsmen because there was no work for them in the 1920s," he said. There was "a rich man with the imagination and the perseverance and the willingness to spend and spend and spend. And the genius lady architect who not only knows how to look pretty but make it stand through a 6.5 magnitude earthquake 80 years later."

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Bush defends Gonzales despite no-confidence vote

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CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush insisted Monday that embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales still has his support and denounced Democratic plans for a no-confidence vote as "pure political theater."

"He has done nothing wrong," Bush said in an impassioned defense of his longtime friend and adviser during a news conference at his Texas ranch.

Despite Bush's comments, support for Gonzales is eroding, even in the president's own party. The Senate is prepared to hold a no-confidence vote, possibly by week's end, and five Republican senators have joined many Democrats in calling for Gonzales' resignation.

The attorney general is under investigation by Congress for last year's ousters of eight federal prosecutors.

He is also under fire for an alleged 2004 hospital visit, as White House counsel, to have the then-ailing Attorney General John Ashcroft certify the legality of Bush's controver-

sial warrantless eavesdropping program. The visit was detailed last week by former Deputy Attorney General Jim Comey.

In Washington, the Justice Department released a new batch of documents linked to the firings in anticipation of House testimony Wednesday by Monica Goodling, Gonzales' former counsel and White House liaison.

The Justice Department has maintained the firings — planned in part by Goodling — targeted underperforming U.S. attorneys. A chart compiled by Goodling, dated Feb. 12, panned the leadership abilities of the eight fired prosecutors and compared them with years of mostly complimentary peer reviews each received.

For example, Seattle prosecutor John McKay showed a "pattern of insubordination, poor judgment, and demonstration of temperament issues," according to his leadership evaluation, which was compiled by Justice officials. His peer review, by contrast, called McKay "an effective, well-regarded, and capable leader."

The president told the Democrats to get back to more pressing matters.

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all of them raised their hands, but few signed up.

Baker finds this frustrating. "There is time if you just make it," she said.

Baker, an A+ blood type, has donated blood every 56 days, the required number of days between donations, since she first became eligible at the age of 17.

"The reason I really got into it is because my cousin had leukemia, and this was before I was eligible and I just hated that feeling like she needs blood and I can't give," Baker said.

Cancer patients are some of the largest recipients of blood transfusions, and almost everyone Baker has talked to about giving blood knows someone who had cancer.

"Now that I can (donate) I feel like that could be somebody else's cousin," she said.

As for the pain factor?

"I barely even notice it," Baker said. "I just think it's a pinch. It's very momentary."

But she knows many people have fears of needles and blood in a med-

ical setting that can't be cured with purely reassurance.

"You just kind of tell yourself that the person who needs this blood is going through a lot more pain than I am in giving it," Baker said.

Baker and others will man a booth in front of the United Blood Service's bus, checking in students and professors with appointments and signing up walk-ins. The bus features six to eight stations where blood bank nurses assist blood-givers.

"It's a really sterile environment," Baker said.

Every person who donates blood today will receive a free T-shirt identifying them as life-savers as well as a coupon for a medium, one-topping pizza from Domino's Pizza, just in case the cookies and snacks provided aren't enough.

As an additional incentive, two masseuses from Bliss Body Spa will be giving chair massages to donators between 2 and 4 p.m.

Students and professors planning to donate blood should try to drink lots of water and eat hearty meals with iron-rich foods beforehand, Baker said.

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for David Hasselhoff said Monday a judge had restored the actor's right to visit his two teenage daughters after that access was suspended over a videotape showing the recovering alcoholic apparently intoxicated.

Lawyer Melvin Goldsman made the disclosure before the start of a closed-door court hearing concerning the videotape and related issues.

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RIO VISTA (AP) — The 90-mile journey of two wayward whales back to sea stalled Monday after raising hopes that the pair were returning to the Pacific Ocean more than a week after taking a wrong turn and swimming up the Sacramento River.

The humpbacks, nicknamed Delta and Dawn, had traveled more than 20 miles south following their sudden departure from the Port of Sacramento on Sunday night. Monday afternoon the mother and her calf started heading upstream again.

Scientists and the U.S. Coast Guard tried to position more than a dozen boats in front of them to turn them around, but the whales appeared to be navigating by their own compass.

National

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MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A gunman suspected of killing three people and himself said during a court-ordered mental evaluation that if he committed suicide, he would try to take a large number of people with him, police said Monday.

Three months after that conversation, authorities say, Jason Hamilton shot and killed his wife at their home, then drove downtown with two assault rifles and fired a barrage of bullets into an emergency dispatch center inside a courthouse and a parking lot outside.

International

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese troops blasted a Palestinian refugee camp with artillery and tank fire again Monday, seeking to destroy a militant group with al-Qaida ties. The barrage smashed buildings and sent plumes of black smoke towering over the crowded camp on the Mediterranean.

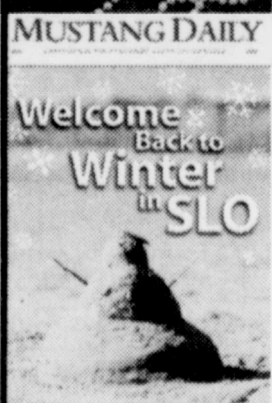
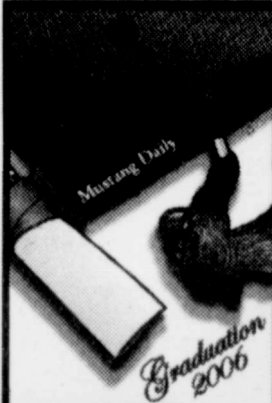
The fierce, two-day battle has killed nearly 50 combatants and an unknown number of civilians, raising fears that Lebanon's worst internal violence since the 1975-1990 civil war could spread.

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli-Palestinian violence escalated dangerously Monday when Israel killed five militants in airstrikes and hinted Hamas political leaders could be their next target. A rocket fired from Gaza killed an Israeli woman, inviting a harsh response.

The woman was the first Israeli to die in a Palestinian rocket attack since November.

Even before the fatal salvo, Hamas leaders feared for their safety. They turned off their cell phones, stayed out of official vehicles and reduced their movements as militant groups declared a state of emergency.



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Senate puts off final action on bipartisan immigration deal until June

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WASHINGTON — Senate leaders agreed Monday that they would wait until June to take final action on a bipartisan plan to give millions of unlawful immigrants legal status.

The measure, which also tightens border security and workplace enforcement measures, unites a group of influential liberals, centrists and conservatives and has White House backing, but it has drawn criticism from across the political spectrum. In a nod to that opposition, Senate leaders won't seek to complete it before a hoped-for Memorial Day deadline.

"It would be to the best interests of the Senate ... that we not try to finish this bill this week," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., as the chamber began debate on the volatile issue. "I think we could, but I'm afraid the conclusion wouldn't be anything that anyone wanted."

The bipartisan compromise cleared its first hurdle Monday with a bipartisan Senate vote to begin debate on a separate immigration measure. Still, it faces significant obstacles as lawmakers seek dozens of modifications to its key elements.

Republicans want to make the bill tougher on the nation's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants. Democrats want to change a new temporary worker program and reorder priorities in a merit-based system for future immigration that

weights employability over family ties.

The unlikely coalition that brokered the deal, led by Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., is plotting to protect the agreement from "deal-breaker" changes that would sap its support. The group will hold daily meetings starting Tuesday to determine whether proposed revisions would sink what they are calling their "grand bargain."

"We have to try our very best to work together to get something that will actually pass," Kyl said.

Among the first changes to be debated will be a proposal by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., to shrink the temporary worker program created by the compromise plan. Some lawmakers in both parties consider the initiative, which would provide at least 400,000 guest worker visas annually, too large.

Others charge it's impractical and unfair to immigrants, because it would allow them to stay only temporarily in the U.S. without guaranteeing them a chance to gain legal status.

"We must not create a law that guarantees a permanent underclass, people who are here to work in low-wage, low-skilled jobs but do not have the chance to put down roots or benefit from the opportunities of American citizenship," Reid said.

Reid called the measure a "starting point," but said he had reservations about it.

Conservative critics denounced

the proposal's quick granting of legal status to millions of unlawful immigrants.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said the measure's so-called "point system" doesn't do enough to guarantee that future immigration will serve the country's economic needs.

"I'm nervous about this thing," said Sessions, who voted not to go forward with the debate. He called the point scheme "bait" to get conservatives to embrace the measure, and accused Republicans of compromising too much on an outline drafted by the White House in late March to attract GOP support.

"I'm disappointed — almost heartbroken — because we made some progress toward getting to this new framework, but the political wheeling and dealing and compromising and splitting the baby has resulted in a circumstance that, you know, we just didn't get far enough," Sessions said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who also opposed opening debate, announced she would seek to alter the bill to mandate that illegal immigrants go back to their home countries before gaining legal status.

Under the proposal, that requirement only applies to heads of households seeking green cards and a path to citizenship. Others here unlawfully could obtain visas to live and work in the U.S. indefinitely without returning home.

Kennedy called the plan "strong, realistic and fair."

"For each of us who crafted it,

there are elements that we strongly support and elements we believe could be improved. No one believes this is a perfect bill," Kennedy said.

The White House has begun an active lobbying effort to drum up support for the measure, especially among Republicans who voted against an immigration overhaul last year.

President Bush is still hoping to sign the bill by summer's end, said Tony Fratto, a White House spokesman.

"This is a very high priority for the president," Fratto told reporters in Crawford, Texas. "We know that this is an emotional issue for members on both sides of political parties and both sides of the ideological spectrum, but we hope that we can find common ground."

Conservatives in the House, whose opposition helped kill an immigration overhaul last year, began laying down markers in anticipation of their own debate, expected only if the Senate completes its measure.

Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Calif., unveiled legislation he said was "an alternative to several of the large holes in the so-called Senate compromise."

It would send home illegal immigrants who had been in the U.S. for fewer than five years and bar them from gaining lawful status.

Those in the country five years or more would be able to get a "blue card" to live and work legally in the U.S. after paying a \$1,000 fine and learning English and American civics, but they could not bring their families. Blue card holders would have to leave the country to apply for legal residency.

In contrast, the bipartisan Senate compromise would allow illegal immigrants in the country by the beginning of this year to adjust their status.

Collapsed part of Bay Bridge will reopen for weekend

OAKLAND (AP) — Repairs to a section of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge that collapsed in a tanker truck fire last month will be completed by Thursday night, reopening the busy freeway for Memorial Day weekend, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday.

By finishing the work more than a month before the June 27 deadline set by the California Department of Transportation, Rancho Cordova-based contractor C.C. Myers Inc. will receive a \$5 million bonus for the work.

"Thanks to hard, around-the-clock work of Caltrans and C.C. Myers, our local partners and businesses, Bay Area motorists can once again travel through this busy interchange," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "Just in time for the holiday weekend, this roadway will be open in 26 days from when the accident occurred."

The contractor originally predicted the portion of the MacArthur Maze, which connects eastbound Interstate-80 to eastbound I-580, would be completed by June 2. Myers announced the earlier finish late last week and Schwarzenegger confirmed the opening Monday.

The early reopening is good news for commuters on one of the nation's busiest freeway interchanges, hobbled by the April 29 fire caused by an overturned gasoline tanker.

C.C. Myers bid \$867,075 for the contract. Caltrans offered a bonus of \$200,000 for each day the work is finished ahead of the deadline, with a maximum of \$5 million. To collect the full amount under the contract, work would have to be completed by June 2.



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Iraq drawing up plans in case of sudden U.S. pullout, while U.S. pressure mounts on al-Maliki

Robert H. Reid
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BAGHDAD — Iraq's military is drawing up plans to cope with any quick U.S. military pullout, the defense minister said Monday, as a senior American official warned that the Bush administration may reconsider its support if Iraqi leaders don't make major reforms by fall.

The U.S. official did not say what actions could be taken by the White House, but his comments reflected the administration's need to show results in Iraq — as an answer to pressure by the Democrats in Congress seeking to set timetables on the U.S. military presence.

Several mortar shells hit the U.S.-controlled Green Zone, one striking the Iraqi parliament building but causing no casualties — the latest in near daily barrages on the nerve center of the U.S. mission and Iraqi government that underline the country's tenuous security.

At least 58 Iraqis were killed by attacks or found dead across Iraq, including seven people ambushed on a bus northeast of Baghdad, police said. The dead included 24 men whose bullet-riddled bodies were found across Baghdad, apparent victims of sectarian death squads.

British troops clashed with Shiite Muslim gunmen in the southern city of Basra. Britain's military said one British soldier and a civilian driver were killed when a supply convoy was attacked in the center of the city, Iraq's second biggest.

Elsewhere, U.S. troops raided safe houses south of Baghdad but failed to find three soldiers missing since a May 12 ambush that left four other Americans and an Iraqi dead.

"We've (identified) some safe

houses and we targeted a couple of those today and they were able to slip away from us. But we're going to come at things from a different angle," a U.S. spokesman, Maj. Webster Wright, said without elaborating.

U.S. officers said the search by thousands of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers may be forcing the kidnappers to move the three Americans frequently, preventing insurgents from posting pictures of their captives on the Internet.

"We choose to be cautiously optimistic," Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch told CNN. "We're pursuing all leads with a passion, but right now we believe our soldiers are still alive. Each day that passes when we don't see proof of life, it causes us concern."

With violence raging, pressure is mounting on Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government to demonstrate progress on key reforms or risk losing American support for the unpopular war.

On Monday, Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi told reporters Iraq's military was drawing up plans in case U.S.-led forces left the country quickly.

"The army plans on the basis of a worst case scenario so as not to allow any security vacuum," al-Obeidi said. "There are meetings with political leaders on how we can deal with a sudden pullout."

It was unclear whether al-Obeidi's comment referred to routine contingency planning or

reflected a feeling among Iraqi leaders that the days of U.S. support may be numbered even though President Bush blocked an effort by Congress to set a withdrawal timetable.

A White House spokesman, Tony Fratto, said President Bush expressed confidence in al-Maliki during a telephone call Monday to the Iraqi leader.

He said the two talked about political progress in Iraq, and al-Maliki gave Bush updates on two key U.S. demands — legislation to share Iraq's oil wealth among its regions and ethnic groups and a reform of the constitution.

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Defense Minister of Iraq

But two senior Iraqi officials told The Associated Press that Bush warned al-Maliki that Washington expected to see "tangible results quickly" on the oil bill and other legislation as the price for continued support.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't supposed to release the information.

In London, a senior U.S. official echoed that warning, saying the Bush administration wanted signs of progress by fall or it would be forced to reconsider its policy in Iraq.

The official, who briefed reporters on condition his name

not be published, said the top American diplomat and military commander in Iraq would submit a report on Iraqi progress in September.

"If one looks at when critical progress is to be made, one would be best advised to look at this fall as a key point," the official said.

Senior Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman confirmed that U.S. pressure was mounting, especially on the oil bill, which was endorsed by the Iraqi Cabinet three months ago but has yet to come to the floor of parliament.

"The Americans are pressuring us to accept the oil law. Their pressure is very strong. They want to show Congress that they have done something so they want the law to be adopted this month. This interference is negative consequences," Othman told AP.

Kurdish legislators oppose the formula for distributing oil revenues among the Iraqi communities, arguing for a greater say in how the money is disbursed.

Major Shiite and Kurdish parties oppose several proposed changes in the constitution, as well as Sunni Arab demands for a loosening of rules banning former Saddam Hussein supporters from government jobs.

Prospects for far-reaching agreements among Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds were thrown into doubt over the weekend when the leader of the largest Shiite party, Abdul-Aziz al-

Hakim, was diagnosed with lung cancer at a hospital in Houston.

Al-Hakim, who left the U.S. for treatment in Iran, delivered a televised address Monday in which he said he was suffering from a "limited tumor" but expected to return to the country soon.

U.S. officials had been counting on al-Hakim to help push through reforms, and a lengthy absence could make it difficult to deliver Shiite support.

In other violence, the Iraqi newspaper Azzaman reported Monday that one of its reporters, Ali Khalil, 22, was kidnapped while leaving a relative's house in the increasingly volatile Baiyaa neighborhood of Baghdad and found dead several hours later. He is survived by his wife and week-old baby, the newspaper said.

The attack came three days after two Iraqi journalists working for ABC News were ambushed and killed on their way home from work. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said 104 journalists — not including Khalil — had been killed in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. About 80 percent of those were Iraqis, it said.

A roadside bomb exploded near a group of Iraqi soldiers patrolling the Sunni-dominated Adil neighborhood in western Baghdad, killing three and injuring two others.

In Muqdadiya, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, two gunmen killed two police officers as they walked by the police station.

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'Lucky You' deals lame hand for audience

Lukewarm gambling flick goes from flushes to crushes, and back again

Rachelle Santucci

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If you're a fan of the classic Drew Barrymore film where she prances around the screen and falls in love with someone, then out of love, and back into it again, then "Lucky You" is not quite what you are looking for.

It is mainly centered on a hotshot poker player, Huck Cheever (played by Eric Bana of "Munich" and "Hulk"), who is struggling to make it in Sin City as a competitor in the World Series of Poker.

Cards are not Cheever's only worries, though. His relationship with his father, L.C. (Robert Duvall), a two-time winner of the series, is not too great either.

While Huck Cheever is supposed to be the tough guy who does anything it takes to win, his character is honestly not all that believable.

The movie makes sure you know he has a reputation in the casinos, drives a motorcycle and uses women, but you don't see a whole lot of that when he runs to apologize after doing anything that could hurt Barrymore's feelings.

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 =damn good!

"Lucky You"

In the film, Barrymore takes second (maybe even third) stage playing Billie Offer, an aspiring singer who moves from Bakersfield to Las Vegas and lives with her older sister played by Debra Messing. A bit naïve, Offer is almost instantly intrigued by Cheever, who charms her with his smooth-talking.

You better like poker a whole lot if you go to see this because about half of the screen time is taken up by cards, chips and cash flying around. The rest is father-son drama with a little romance thrown in to keep the ladies interested.

L.C. left Huck's mom and stole everything she had when he switched to gambling from teaching English. Huck hasn't forgiven him and constantly tries to beat L.C. at the game he taught him with "pennies, nickels and dimes at the kitchen table."

For the most part, "Lucky You" will keep your attention as it moves from flushes to crushes and it has a little something for everyone. The man with a boob job got a laugh out of me and there's even a fight scene; it's short and basically just a threat, but still. At least Bana gets a black eye and it distracted me from thinking about how I desperately wanted to cut his terrible hair.

The romantic comedy aspect of the movie was predictable and I cared more about who won each round of cards than whether Huck and Billie wound up together, but I did like Barrymore's character. She is not too forgiving and knows when to stand up for herself. The part was well-cast, but it is surprising that Barrymore would do such a small movie where she doesn't even have a huge role.



COURTESY PHOTO

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas: Actors Eric Bana and Drew Barrymore are busy finding each other and themselves in "Lucky You."

If the relationship between Bana and Barrymore had been given a little more airtime, it might have helped create some chemistry which was lacking simply because it wasn't developed. Come on, it's Vegas and a one-night stand is supposed to be devastating? Throughout the movie, Huck wins and loses painful amounts of money repeatedly while getting

ready for the World Series and he wins and loses the girl just about as many times.

It's not too convincing and there were dull moments, but overall, "Lucky You" is a great way to spend a couple hours when you have nothing better to do. Just be prepared for cheesy poker puns and a Las Vegas where no one seems to be all that bad.



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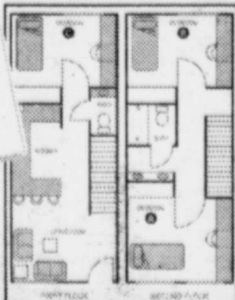
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Shrek III a fairytale gone boring

Third installment fails to measure up to its magical predecessors

Isaiah Narciso

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It seems that great movie franchises start to lose some steam after the second film. Even a lovable green ogre like Shrek has fallen victim to this curse.

"Shrek the Third" attempted to bring back the parody, humor and take-home public service messages that gave the first film an Academy Award in 2001 and record profits to its 2004 sequel.

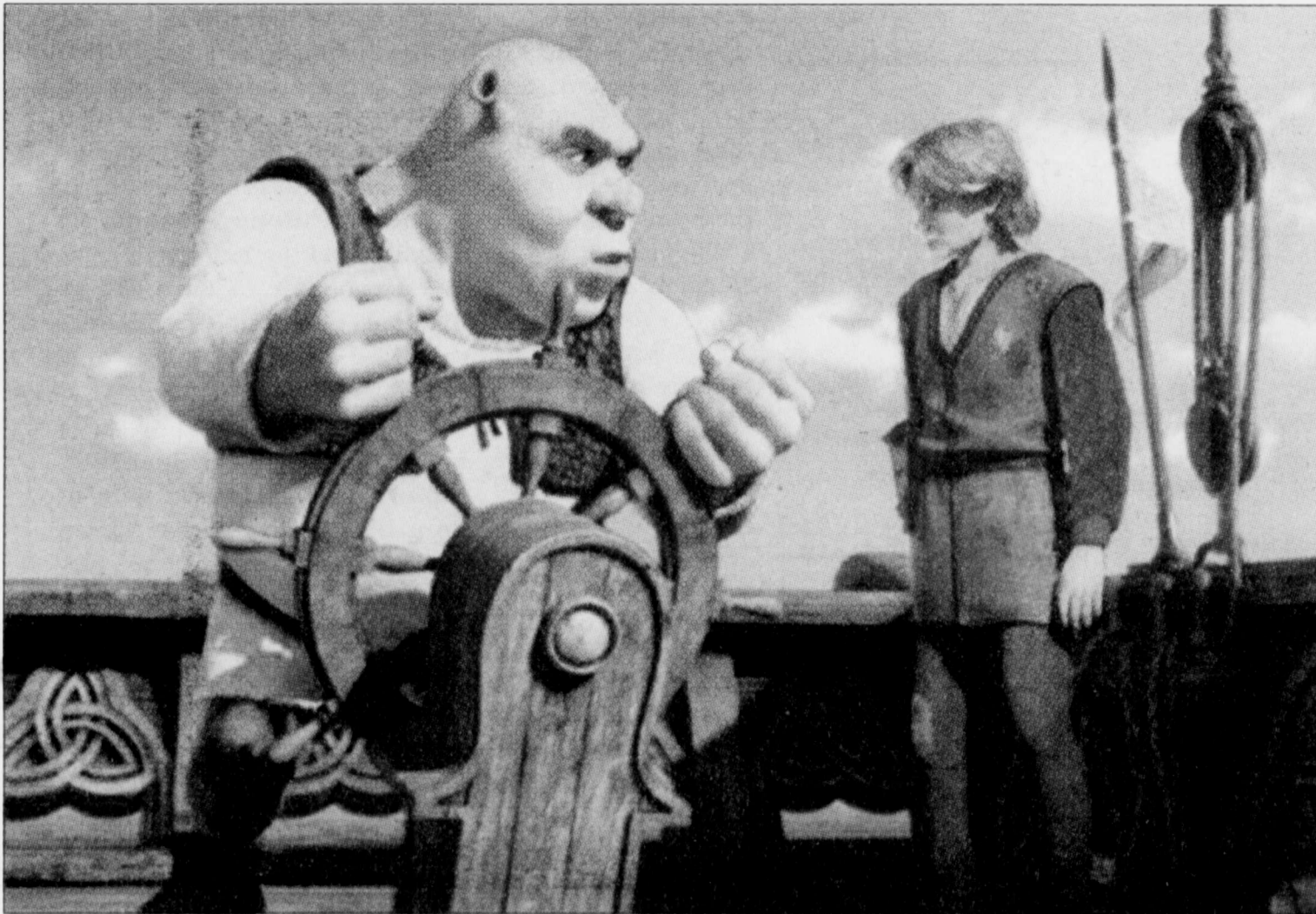
The film also has many of its original cast members back, including the voices of Shrek (Mike Myers), Fiona (Cameron Diaz), Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas).

Newcomers of "Saturday Night Live" fame played characters such as Snow White (Amy Poehler) and Rapunzel (Maya Rudolph). Even Regis Philbin and Larry King made cameo appearances as women with men's voices.

Apparently, the film is trying to stand out with other blockbusters like "Spider-man 3" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End." As a result, some of its quality has declined. For instance, Queen Lillian (Julie Andrews) rarely speaks in the latest film, a total waste of Andrews's talent and experience.

"Shrek the Third" took aim at the Camelot legend for most of the film. Along with the main hero Arthur (better known as Artie), Guinevere, Lancelot, and Merlin made cameo appearances.

Shrek's amphibian father-in-law (John Cleese) passes away, making Shrek the new leader of the Far, Far



COURTESY PHOTO

Everybody's favorite ogre Shrek (Mike Myers) gets into a tiff with Artie, aka King Arthur, (Justin Timberlake) while on board the Jolly Roger. The movie was seemingly misguided in its attempt to carry on the tradition.

Away Kingdom. But Shrek did not want to be king, and wanted someone else to rule the land.

Desperate for an heir to the throne, Shrek, Donkey and Puss In Boots set sail to bring Fiona's relative Artie (Justin Timberlake) home. In Shrek's absence, Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) managed to convince the "villains" to make him the new leader of Far, Far Away.

The phrase "Happily Ever After" takes on a new meaning when the nerdy Artie, with the help of Shrek

and friends, has to fight for the crown against Prince Charming.

Shrek, who is mostly reluctant to play a father role in his own life, actually counsels the boy like a dad.

As with the previous films, "Shrek the Third" skewered both fairytales and pop culture. It used characters like Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Rapunzel to mock baby showers, fairy tale romance and girl power for comic effect.

The villains Captain Hook and the Headless Horseman were given

a softer side, but that shows up later. The film also parodies "Charlie's Angels" (when Fiona and the princesses do their ninja poses) and "Harold and Kumar" (when gingerbread man Gingi has a near-death experience).

Unfortunately, the film lacks

about half the wit and originality that has made the Shrek franchise famous. Slapstick humor is used (sometimes quite literally) to pass over the dragging parts of the film.

There is also a lack of visual imagery (i.e. "Versarchery") that brought laughs to grown-ups and children alike.

The film is not a total loss, though. Donkey and Puss In Boots retained the wit and crass attitude that made them rival favorites with Shrek.

There is even a part in the film where, thanks to a fluke in Merlin's magic spell, they switch voices, character portrayal, and body parts.

The film also redeemed itself with inherently complex jokes. It manages to keep "Family Guy" elements of humor in certain parts while being sensitive to children's ears at the same time. For example, Pinocchio thwarts Prince Charming's efforts with answers like, "I don't know where he's not."

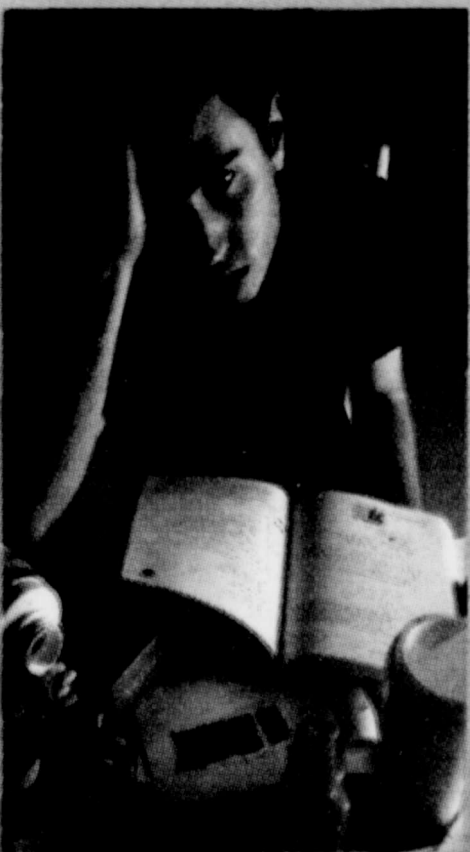
Overall, "Shrek the Third" will appeal to die-hard Shrek fans and children alike. But to appreciate its worth, watch the film when there are no whiny, hyper kids in the theater.

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My mom has been catching me between moments all week. We've scheduled three concerts this week that fall all along a week of drunken celebration known as my birthday. I'm afraid it's all still going and you're going to have to catch me between moments too.

It's late Sunday afternoon and there are two hours to go until the Pit Er Pat/Priestbird show at the Steynberg Gallery. Even while writing, I frequently stray to set up equipment, eat and a myriad of other things.

Everything's been going full tilt since my birthday on Tuesday. I don't manage to pull out of a hangover until I'm in the gallery setting up for the Alela Diane show. I bolt through setting up and then drive home so my grandma can pick me up and take me to



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Found Sound

Vallarta's Mexican Food.

Time's short and I push through a 60-ounce margarita in around an hour before jetting off back to the show. The show goes quite well. Black Shirts and The Dodos play through solid sets.

Alela Diane plays all of her delicate and beautiful folk music. It enraptures the audience so much that an encore is demanded: one of

about three that has ever happened this year. Oh yeah, she sings me happy birthday and that's quite the heart melter too.

We pull out before 10 p.m. and I feel stone sober by the time all the equipment is back. More bars. More shots. Surprisingly, I'm fresh and awake before 10 the next morning.

Wednesday and Thursday seem identical. Radio shows. Classes. Bars. Run-throughs of Third Eye Blind's "How's It Gonna Be" at Doc's Karaoke.

Friday follows the pattern of napping, eating and working on my short story. By the time I go to get the equipment for the Port O'Brien show, my body feels dead and sluggish.

We show up late and have to wait an hour to get in. We take advantage of the hour and bounce through pints and pizza at Babbo's.

As per the usual, the Port O'Brien show at the Art Center goes off without a hitch and there is a solid turnout. They have become one of the best local bands.

An overwhelming powerful set from Van and the rest of the crew. We say goodbye to them and by the time you read this column, they'll be flying to Alaska for a three month stay.

Saturday is supposed to be a break. I work on my short story because that's all I really want to do. I write first-person stories about beautiful girls who play records with their tongues. I catch my short story between moments: Fascist Art Party at the Establishment, a day keg in Murray Station, Mother Mountain Music Festival in the dorms, a party over in the Madonna area, the bars and a bike taxi to my house. And now I'm here at the gallery for the Sunday night show.

Getting ready for dinner with the band which I always seem to write about. Maybe you'll catch me between moments tonight. Maybe not. Either way, I'm ready to sleep through next week.

Good books for a relaxing summertime

Gregory Connor
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During the school year it is nearly impossible to even think about looking at a book that isn't related to class. Even if you're lucky enough to read something that isn't a dry, lengthy textbook, you'll probably still be stuck in weeks of analysis until you can't even remember why you liked the book in the first place.

One of the greatest things about college is that summer reading is a thing of the past, so once you sell back all your course books you can read whatever you want for the next few months. Here are a few recently released and upcoming books that will be sure to provide some leisurely and/or stimulating beach reading.

Don't this author's generic-sounding name throw you off — Joe Hill has a big name connection in the publishing world. Hill changed his name to try to earn recognition independent from the influence of his father, horror master Stephen King. However, the younger King only gained widespread attention after revealing his lineage.

"Heart-Shaped Box" does Papa King proud, as Hill shows he's blessed with his father's storytelling ability. The novel follows a washed-up rock god with a penchant for the supernatural who buys a ghost off the Internet. The first half is creepy enough to keep you sleeping with one eye open for a while. If the second half doesn't live up to the beginning, the worst that can be said about it is it is a suspenseful new take on a genre that Hill's father had seemingly exhausted of new ideas.

Speaking of Stephen King, Cormac McCarthy's much lauded new novel "The Road" traverses some of the same post-apocalyptic paths that King has gone down many a time, most notably in "The Stand." McCarthy conjures up a lot of gruesome images worthy of King (a room full of people imprisoned by cannibals, a roasted infant), but McCarthy is playing a whole different game than the horror kingpin.

"The Road" focuses exclusively on the journey of an unnamed father and son across an American landscape devastated beyond imagination and patrolled by bands of cannibalistic "bad guys." McCarthy weaves bouts of brutal and beautiful language, which are unlike anything you've recently read, with the fundamental bond between father and son.

Michael Chabon's novel, "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay," firmly established the author among the foremost writers of his generation. "Kavalier and Clay" spanned the 20th century and traveled from Eastern Europe to New York City as it looked at the lives of two comic book prodigies. Chabon follows up that ambitious undertaking by taking a cue from Phillip Roth's alternate history, "The Plot Against America." While Roth's vision of a Lindbergh-led America may have seemed extreme to some, Chabon imagines a situation even more surprising: Alaska as the post-World War II Jewish homeland. On this premise, Chabon builds a noir-inspired detective story that is sure to have few peers this summer.

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Getting legit with the latest epic slang

As a loyal reader of my articles, you would know that it was my birthday just a few weeks ago. With my birthday, I became the ripe old age of 22. With this old age, I have noticed that there are just some things I can no longer relate to when it comes to the younger generation. Namely, I feel like I just either don't understand, or will always refuse to say some of the lingo.

What comes as a surprise to me though is that this generation that I am writing about is just a few years younger than I am, yet I feel that the language gap is huge. I suppose that this is one of those things about language constantly evolve over time, and that I will just have to face the facts that I can't just describe my girlfriend as being someone who is all that with a bag of chips anymore. But, regardless of this gap, I am going to give you this guide on breaking down common-day slang and even give you some new words you can use so you can be a trendsetter yourself.

The first word to look at is of epic proportions¹. Well, not really. Why? Well, the word "epic" is starting to be used in more ways than I ever thought imaginable. When I think of the word "epic," I think of stuff that actually has to be huge. Dinosaurs, I would say, were pretty epic. I mean come on, those bastards were huge. You know what else is epic or will be looked at as epic? Yes, you guessed it — Will Smith

will always be described career-wise as being an epic man. Martin Lawrence once had the chance, but then after making both "Big Momma's House" and "Big Momma's House 2," I think we all see now that his career is far from ever being epic. I mean come on, Smith has saved the world from robots and aliens all the while rapping to the freshest² beats around.

The problem with the word "epic" today, though, is that it is being used to describe pretty much anything that has some sort of excitement in people's lives. A couple examples of horrible, yet common usage are "Hey do you want to road trip to L.A. this weekend? That shit will be epic" and "I killed my midterm, man, and that thing was supposed to be so epic." You see how ridiculous this is? The word "close" should only be used in horseshoes and hand grenades, so let's just say that "epic" should only be used in events or descriptions that are actually dynamic³.

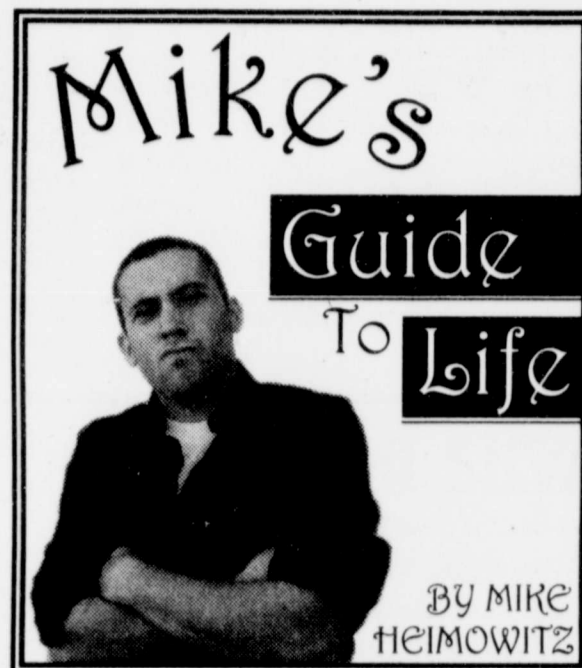
The next word was truly popular in the late '80s and early '90s, and for some reason the word is back, but the originator is still forgotten. Of course, I'm talking about the word "legit," but am still wondering how MC Hammer is totally out of the equation after "Too Legit To Quit." One explanation for Hammer being forgotten can come from the fact that, God forbid, this younger generation I'm talking about doesn't know who Hammer is. I'm going to give them the ben-

efit of the doubt and say that they do know who the legendary Hammer is though, because if they don't, they probably have no sense of what music should actually sound like. Anyway, the word "legit" used out of context of Hammer's song just shouldn't be used the way it is. I understand that it takes a lot of breath and man power to say "legitimate," but I guess that for some reason actually sounding intelligent when you speak isn't cool or something. Basically, let's just leave the word "legit" to the legendary Hammer, who made the word cool, and not use the word unless we're quoting the song⁴.

As promised, I am now going to suggest some new slang words for you all. Unfortunately "That's so Raven" never caught on as describing comedy, good acting and more comedy, but I'll give alternatives that should stick.

The first is "co'cumber." Yeah, no longer do you have to be as "cool as a cucumber" because that is way too many words. Plus, it has always been way more popular-sounding to say "co'" than the full "cool," so saying "co'cumber" will really give you some street cred to your name. For example, "Damn, that bro is co'cumber right now, know what I'm saying biatch?"

Or how about "Damn that's



Blainey." This word will be used to describe things that are freaky, fake, and monotone all in one: "Plastic surgery to make your fingers all the same size is just Blainey."

The third is that you just "Sanjaya'd it." This will be used if you want to describe something or someone that is annoying, somewhat funny to watch, and still in the closet. For example, "He definitely Sanjaya'd it when he started humping the couch in front of everyone."

Well that does it for another Guide to Life. Again, I hope you learned something and I will see you all next week.

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- ¹ How's that for a segue into a topic sentence?
- ² See, I still say "freshest." So what?
- ³ Like Smith.
- ⁴ Which should be done more often.

STAFF EDITORIAL

ASI should hold candidates more accountable for campaign spending

It was almost impossible to miss all the T-shirts, water bottles, hats, barbecues, root beer floats and giant chalkboards during elections this month.

And it left some students wondering if there is a limit on how much Associated Students Inc. candidates can spend.

The Mustang Daily decided to find out and we were a little shocked at what we found.

Between all three candidates, \$14,600 was spent in 18 days of campaigning.

This money came from businesses, organizations, friends, family and their own wallets.

Of course, the candidates need to campaign to inform students about their platform and why they would make the best president for Cal Poly. But couldn't it be done at a much more manageable level?

The Mustang Daily thinks the answer is yes. ASI representatives said that they cannot impose any spending caps on the candidates because it would violate their free speech rights.

But they could ask candidates to volunteer to stay under a certain spending limit.

California State University Long Beach currently asks candidates running for ASI president to agree to stay under a voluntary spending cap.

This way, candidates who are already living on a tight budget wouldn't have to break the bank to run.

Students may wonder how this voluntary cap would be monitored. The good news is: ASI already has a policy in place. The bad news is: They don't use it.

Currently, presidential candidates give ASI a \$100 check prior to the start of campaigning. After elections are over, they can fill out a financial statement detailing where their money came from and what they spent it on to get their \$100 back.

However, ASI doesn't check any part of that report.

The financial statements are submitted to Stephan Lamb, the associate director of Student Life & Leadership, and then he sends the report to the Business Office which then issues the reimbursement.

Neither Lamb nor Michelle Broom, the public relations coordinator for ASI, were able to provide past financial summaries, citing that they were probably thrown out.

In fact, both said they don't really even see a reason to have the candidates report their financial records since there is no spending cap.

We all hope that our ASI presidential candidates are honest people who just want to serve Cal Poly students. But what happens when a student runs and doesn't use all the money they receive?

Hypothetically, candidates could pocket thousands of dollars while unsuspecting businesses, community members and students think they are helping with a campaign. Think about it: Someone could actually make a profit running for ASI president.

ASI should take the time to check up on the self-reported financial summaries and compare those records to what was actually collected and spent.

Voluntary spending caps and legitimate financial checks would make ASI elections better for candidates and the students they may represent.

We're excited to see Brandon Souza step into the presidency next year and we encourage him to make sure future ASI candidates become more accountable for their hopefully lower spending.

Editorials reflect the opinions of the Mustang Daily editorial staff.

Kings, Clips among teams trying to land Oden, Durant with lottery today

The NBA Draft lottery can be seen at halftime of Game 2 between the Utah Jazz and San Antonio Spurs, which tips off at 6 tonight on ESPN.

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NEW YORK — After all those losses — some of them suspected on purpose — there's finally a payoff.

Two of the NBA's worst teams will be rewarded at the draft lottery tonight, winning the chance to choose Greg Oden or Kevin Durant.

Representatives from 14 teams will be in Secaucus, N.J., hoping they earn the right to select another Tim

Duncan or LeBron James, players who went No. 1 in the draft and now have their teams deep into the post-season.

"Someone is going to get very smart in a hurry," Nets president Rod Thorn said. "There is going to be a GM who all the sudden becomes a guru and a coach that is going to be very good."

The Memphis Grizzlies, after finishing with a league-worst 22-60 record, have a 25 percent chance of landing the top pick. The Boston Celtics have a nearly 20 percent chance, and the Milwaukee Bucks will be looking to turn the league's third-worst record into their second lottery win in three years.

The Bucks took Andrew Bogut with the No. 1 pick in the 2005 draft and made the playoffs the following season, so they know the impact one player can make. And general manager Larry Harris has hinted that player would be Oden if Milwaukee beats the odds to win again.

"One player solves a lot of problems for us defensively," said Harris, who will be carrying a stone submitted by a fan in a contest the team ran to find a lucky charm. "I mean, we were 29th in defense, 30th in rebounding, 30th in shot blocking. One guy solves a lot of those issues, and defense wins game."

Oden could have been the top pick last year if not for the league's

age requirement, so instead helped Ohio State reach the national championship game with his shot blocking and rebounding. Durant, a forward who was the college player of the year in his lone season at Texas, is the more polished offensive player.

With two potential franchise players heading this year's draft, there is more attention on the lottery than any year since James was the big prize in 2003. And there sometimes seemed quite a desire to be a part of it.

Strange substitution patterns and curious injury absences convinced people that some teams were losing games on purpose. Boston coach Doc Rivers opened one postgame

news conference by stressing that he wasn't trying to lose. But conspiracy theorists thought they found proof in the final week of the season after the Celtics sat forward Ryan Gomes in the fourth quarter of a loss to the Bucks that clinched the second-worst record.

"I probably (would have played), but since we were in the hunt for a high draft pick, of course things are different," Gomes said after the game. "I understand that. Hopefully things get better. Now that we clinched at least having the second-most balls in the lottery, the last three games we'll see what happens. We'll see if we can go out and finish some games."

Wild Pitch

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4) beat rival UC Davis for the first time since 2003 and knocked off a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) team (San Diego State) for the first time since 2003. They also had a player (Courtney Brown) chosen in the NFL Draft for the third straight season and two seniors (Brown and Kyle Shotwell) in recent NFL minicamps.

Bigger picture?

How about Alex G. Spanos Stadium finally being completed after more than 13 months of construction? If you haven't seen the illuminated stadium or glowing Mustang Memorial Plaza at night, it's even more beautiful than in the daytime. The entire package will serve as an

iconic symbol of the football program for years to come.

- The women's soccer team went 10-7-3, lost only one conference game and reached the title game of the Big West Tournament.

- The men's soccer team went from 6-14 in 2005 to 7-8-4 in 2006. And it did it playing in a conference that included national champion UC Santa Barbara.

- The men's basketball team went 19-11, set a Division I record for wins in a season, posted its best Big West winning percentage ever (.643), had its best record and most wins overall since going 19-9 at the Division II level in 1991-92, went 12-2 at home and won 13 of its final 16 games.

Whew. That's called a breakout

year.

Cal Poly, by the way, had a lead with less than 13 minutes remaining in the Big West Tournament title game, which saw Long Beach State punch a ticket to March Madness.

- Although it still hasn't had a winning season since going 15-12 in 1991-92, the women's basketball team bounced back from an injury-plagued, 6-13 start to win a program-record eight straight Big West games and nine of its last 11 overall.

Cal Poly posted its best Big West winning percentage ever (.643), had senior forward Jessica Eggleston named first-team All-Big West for the second straight year and two new-

comers (Tamara Wells and Ashlee Stewart) named to the conference's All-Freshmen Team.

- The wrestling team finished 27th at the NCAA Championships, had an All-American at 133 pounds (senior Darrell Vasquez), sent five grapplers to NCAAs and went 5-4 in the Pac-10.

- The softball team reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time after winning its first Big West title.

Cal Poly (39-17) was led all season by its USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year finalist, senior center fielder Lisa Modglin. The school's Female Athlete of the Year finished the regular season second nationally among all Division I players in batting average (.488) and slugging percentage (.951).

- The baseball team clinched its fourth straight winning season with a 3-1 home win over perennial Big West power Cal State Fullerton for a historic 2-1 series victory Sunday.

The weekend marked Cal Poly's first series victory over the Titans since 1973. That's four years before the original Star Wars hit the big screen!

The Mustangs bounced back from an 0-5 start and currently stand 29-24 overall and 10-8 in Big West play. And they've done it playing in a cutthroat conference that features three teams in the top 17 of Monday's Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll and while playing with what BoydsWorld.com ranks the fifth-toughest schedule among 291 Division I teams.

Not bad at all.

- The men's tennis team went 4-0 in the Big West before bowing out to UCSB in the conference tournament title match.

First-team all-conference honors went to Matt Baca and Darryn Young in singles and Kyle Roybal and Baca in doubles.

- The women's tennis team upset 32nd-ranked UC Irvine on its way to an appearance in the Big West tournament title match.

Brittany Blalock was a shoe-in for Big West Freshman of the Year after posting a 21-15 singles record.

- It's not often that a freshman reaches postseason play in an individual sport, but that was the case for men's golfer Geoff Gonzalez, who tied for 53rd in NCAA West Regional competition Saturday.

That capped a season in which Cal Poly finished second in the Big West Championships — three strokes short

of winning a second straight conference crown.

The Mustangs won the Cuesta Title and Pacific Coast intercollegiate in consecutive weeks. At the latter, junior Chris Kirk shot a school-record round of 64 as part of a school-record 199 total to top the leaderboard.

The scary part?

The whole team returns next season.

- The track and field team has been paced literally and figuratively by Reid, who set the Big West Championships record in the 1,500-meter run in 3 minutes, 42.54 seconds May 12.

That mark eclipsed the 1978 time posted by Steve Scott, who ran for UC Irvine before competing in three Olympics.

Also at the Big West Championships, Sharon Day won the high jump (6 feet, 1/2-inch), Eggleston the triple jump (40-8 3/4) and Lea Wallace the 800 in 2:09.56.

A week earlier, James Nunno won the Big West decathlon title.

The Mustangs send a fleet of athletes to the NCAA West Regional Meet in Eugene, Ore., Friday through Saturday. Stay tuned.

If this were a court case, that would be a mountain of evidence.

Evidence to suggest that this was the most successful season across the board for Cal Poly athletics since moving to the Division I level in 1994-95.

But there are other years to consider.

Take, for instance, 1997, when the football and softball programs generated talk of the playoffs for the first time since going DI. The football team was 10-1 that year, and despite the fact seven of the past 16 Male Athletes of the Year have come from the football program, it was Sean Brown of the track and field program who won the award in 1997. That shows how diverse the success in men's athletics was nine years ago.

There are other, more recent milestones — Day winning an NCAA Outdoor high-jump title in the spring of 2005 and football reaching the I-AA playoffs for the first time in the fall of 2005.

This column could go on for days (not that it already hasn't) discussing the 1980 Division II national champion football team, the nationally ranked mid-1980s volleyball teams and the dozens of wrestlers who have been All-Americans.

But regardless of whether this year ranks as the best since the school went DI, can anyone argue it was the most memorable?

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Lacrosse

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Cal Poly then advanced to the finals. "We were confident going into the tourney," Friesen said. "However, we knew that on any given day any team can win and any team can lose. We knew every team wanted to be the team to take Cal Poly down and every team plays their best against us." The last matchup was against Navy, seeded second nationally. "We knew we had to put points

on the board first to set the tone of the game," Rupnik said. "Navy is a good team and they are going to NCAA Division I next year, so we were mentally ready to play the moment the whistle started the game." Right from the start, Cal Poly laid its claim with six consecutive goals, five from the Jones sisters. Navy scored three goals before halftime, but Cal Poly still maintained a comfortable lead of 6-3. The Mustang defense held strong, with junior midfielder Jamie Oetman leading the way.

"Jamie had an amazing game," Janelle Jones said. "She definitely led our defense and had several interceptions and turnovers." Friesen and freshman midfielder Hayley Saxton scored twice apiece in the second half, while the Jones sisters recorded the rest to give the Mustangs a 16-9 win and their seventh straight crown. "You can score so fast in lacrosse, so I was never really confident," Janelle Jones said. "I kept waiting for them to turn their game around and make a comeback. As soon as the game was over, I couldn't

believe that we won. I feel like the game went by so fast." Friesen added: "When we stepped out onto the field, we stepped out confident and unified. The game was almost flawless. Two teams competed. However, Navy told a parent after the game that they had never seen the level of lacrosse played that Poly played. That is a compliment that I will not forget." Brittany Jones was named the tournament's Outstanding Offensive Player with 14 goals over the week, including eight in the title game. Oetman was named the tournament's Outstanding Defensive Player. Both the Jones sisters and Rupnik earned first-team all-league honors and Friesen and Oetman earned second-team all-league recognition. "Having a six-year streak to hold up put a lot of pressure on us," Brittany Jones said. "But it also was a huge motivator for us too. We came out really strong in the beginning of the final game and I think that helped relax some of the girls' nervousness." In NCAA-sanctioned women's lacrosse, Northwestern, Duke, Virginia and Penn remain in the Division I tourney. The national semifinals are Saturday.

QB Mustain transfers from Arkansas to USC

With John David Booty entrenched at quarterback for 2007, Mitch Mustain will likely compete for the Trojans' starting job with Mark Sanchez in 2008.

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LOS ANGELES — Quarterback Mitch Mustain, who went 8-0 as a freshman starter last season for Arkansas, has transferred to Southern California. Mustain, who will have three years of eligibility remaining after sitting out next season, is enrolled at USC for summer school and attending classes, sports information director Tim Tessalone confirmed Monday. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Mustain was a prized prep recruit after completing over 70 percent of his passes in 2005.

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- 1 Say "thay," e.g.
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 - 14 Western edge of the Pacific Rim
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 - 16 Buck's mate
 - 17 Beatles girl "filling in a ticket in her little white book"
 - 18 Rooster alternative?
 - 20 Fantastic comics hero!
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 - 24 Elevate
 - 26 Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"
 - 28 Addict
 - 31 Afternoon event
 - 32 Items worn with shorts
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- 1 Rodeo need
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 - 5 Steepness
 - 6 Sparked anew
 - 7 Elegant horse
 - 8 See 12-Down
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 - 10 Dutch artist noted for optical illusions
 - 11 Second Commandment prohibition
 - 12 Small 8-Down of hair
 - 13 Cry upon seeing a property tax bill, maybe
 - 19 Unilever soap brand
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- 37 Buffalo N.H.L.er
- 38 Mos Def's music
- 39 Patriarch of Judaism
- 42 Asleep for a while
- 44 Kind of wax
- 45 Riddle
- 46 Monocles, basically
- 48 Disfigure
- 49 Ohio city where Alcoholics Anonymous was founded
- 50 Animal stomachs
- 53 Actor Novello
- 54 Nick at _____
- 55 Trait carrier
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first baseman Krysten Cary (.286,

five homers, 31 RBI), sophomore third baseman Cristen Lee (.262), junior right-hander Robyn Kontra (12-7, 2.28 ERA) and sophomore right-hander Jenna Maiden (13-4, 2.40).

The Mustangs announced last fall a recruiting class comprised of four California high school stand-outs — pitcher Anna Cahn (Los Alamitos), first baseman Krista Haux (Soquel) and utility players Stephanie Correia (Visalia) and Brandi Gutierrez (Bakersfield). "I think that they have an awesome team on the horizon," Modglin said. "I know the recruiting class is a good recruiting class. Even our sophomore class this year, they're going to be dominant next year."

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Poly softball looks to score 2nd straight BWC title, replace 5 seniors in '08

Although the Mustangs return five All-Big West Conference selections, they lose just as many seniors — perhaps the most productive senior class in program history.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly softball team cleans out its lockers today after its final team meeting of the 2007 season.

A season that is sure to be remembered and discussed by future patrons of Bob Janssen Field for years.

"We're just disappointed it's over," Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon said Sunday. "February can't come soon enough for us."

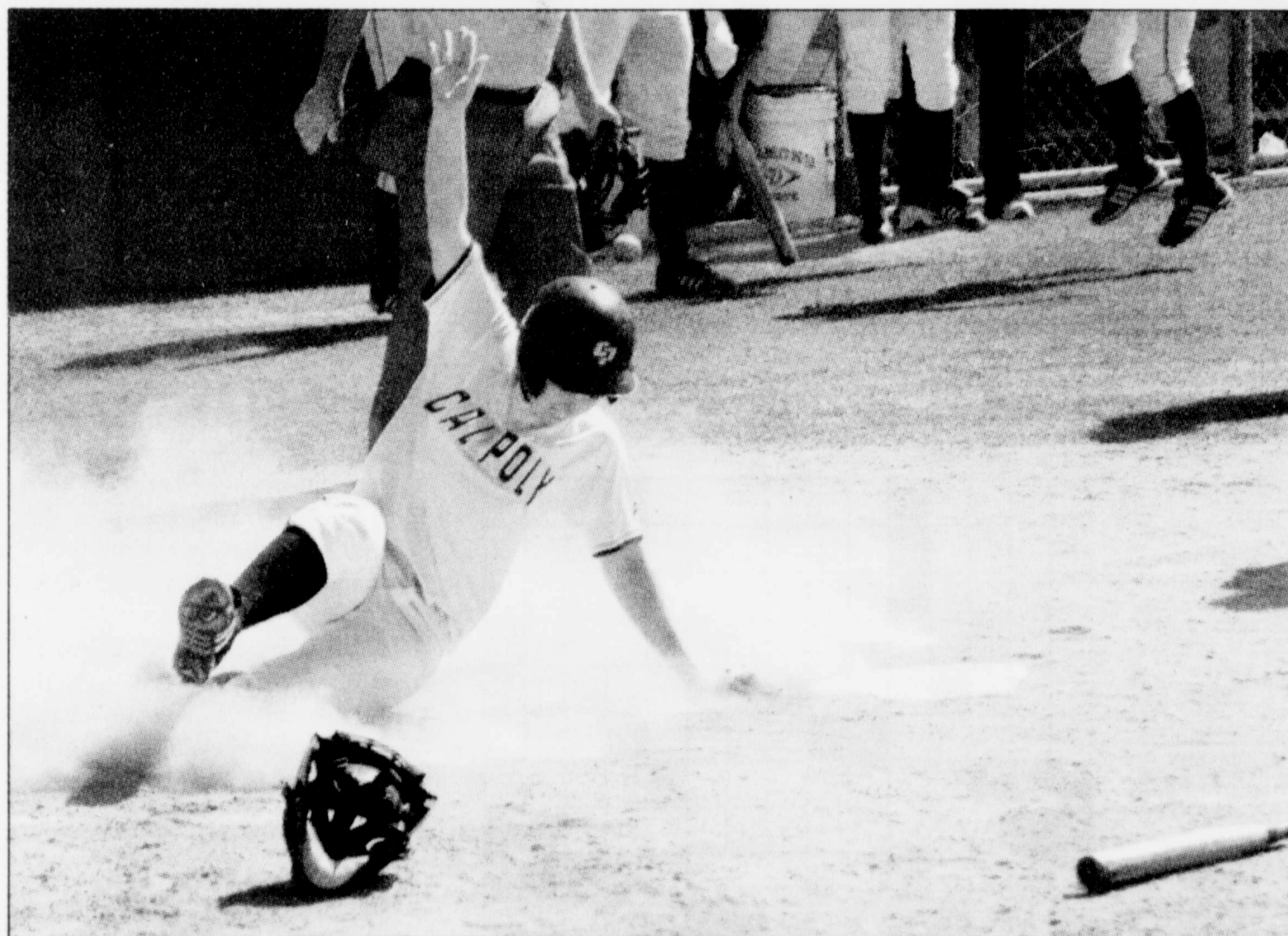
Although the Mustangs ended the season with a disappointing 0-2 showing and early exit from the NCAA Tournament, they without question achieved their best season since moving to the Division I level in 1995, and arguably the best since the program began keeping records in 1981.

Cal Poly (39-17) reached the tournament for the first time, won its first Big West Conference title and set program records for both wins in a season (39) and winning percentage (.696).

All that history, though, still feels very much in the present for Cal Poly center fielder Lisa Modglin, one of five departing seniors.

"It's still a little soon," Modglin said Sunday. "It's sinking in. We have a team meeting (today), maybe after you clean out the locker."

Modglin enjoyed the finest season of any player in program history. The Simi Valley native was named Cal Poly's Female Athlete of the Year, Big West Player of the Year and to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-West Region First Team. In the leadoff role, she finished the regular season second nationally among all Division I players in batting average (.488) and slugging percentage



GRAIG MANTLE FILE PHOTOS

Above, Cal Poly left fielder Kelly Comstock scores in the seventh inning of a 3-2 home win over Big West Conference foe Pacific in the second game of a doubleheader at Bob Janssen Field on May 11. Below, Cal Poly catcher Jackie Gehrke-Jones bunts during a 6-5, nine-inning home loss to rival UC Santa Barbara on April 29. The two make up 40 percent of the Mustangs' senior class.

(.951) and led the Mustangs in nine offensive categories, including home runs (16) and RBI (44).

And Modglin is not the only high-profile player on the way out.

The other four seniors are catcher Jackie Gehrke-Jones, pitcher Emily Hively, first baseman Shannon Brooks and left fielder Kelly Comstock.

Modglin (235 hits) and Gehrke-Jones (170) finished their collegiate careers first and seventh, respectively, on the school's all-time list of hits leaders. Hively is sixth all-time in wins (26), Brooks tied for fifth in single-season batting average (.364 in 2005) and Comstock seventh all-time in runs (63).

"It's an awesome group," Modglin said of the seniors. "It's a pretty close senior class. We'll keep in touch."

Condon said the quintet has

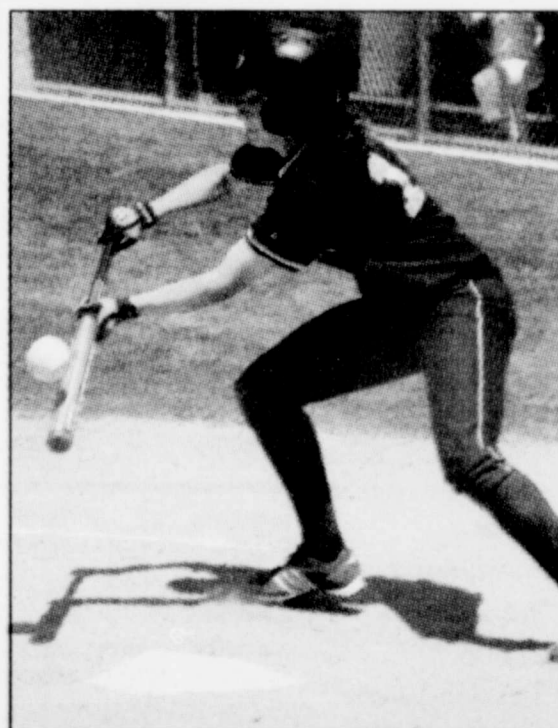
been instrumental in showing the underclassmen the way.

"They did a great job for us this year," she said. "The last three years have been great. They've helped the team get better and better. They helped get the program to the post-season. Even though they're leaving, they helped build a tradition."

But can all that production be replaced?

"I think next year we're obviously going to miss the seniors," Condon said. "We've got some freshmen coming in that can step in and try to fill those shoes. We've got a couple good bats coming in. Hopefully we build on what we've done this year."

Among the players Cal Poly has returning who put up solid numbers in 2007 are sophomore short-



stop Melissa Pura (.364, 10 homers, 48 RBI), junior designated player Sarah Iwata (.329, .447 on-base percentage), Big West Newcomer of the Year freshman

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The Wild Pitch



Mustangs don't horse around in 2006-07

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MUSTANG DAILY

Was there ever a more exciting year to be a Mustang Maniac?

It's hard to believe that only two of Cal Poly's 20 intercollegiate sports programs (baseball and track and field) are still in season.

And with less than three weeks until final exams and only 12 editions of the Mustang Daily remaining after today, it's already time to reflect on what some might argue was the best full year for athletics at Cal Poly since the school moved to the Division I level in 1994-95.

Here are only a few of the many feats accomplished by various teams this year:

- The men's cross country team won its fourth straight Big West Conference title, took ninth in the NCAA West Regional Meet and finished 13th at the NCAA Championships.

At the forefront of those efforts was Cal Poly's Male Athlete of the Year, All-American junior Phillip Reid, who was 21st at nationals.

- The volleyball team reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament, but that was only the culmination of its endeavors.

The Mustangs earned their first Big West title ever and their first outright conference crown of any kind since 1984, went 23-6 for their most wins since going 31-8 in 1985, entered a national ranking for the first time since 1999, won a tournament match for the first time since 2000 and earned their first tournament berth since 2002.

Sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone was named Big West Co-Player of the Year, although she should have taken the award outright and been named an All-American. She and junior setter Chelsea Hayes then reached the semifinals of the Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championships in April.

- With 32 wins in the last four years, the Cal Poly football team's 16 seniors capped a cluster of more victories in a four-year stretch than any other senior class in the 91-year history of the program.

Also this season, the Mustangs (7-

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Poly women's lacrosse club team wins 7th straight WDIAC title

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

The lacrosse fields have been dominated for the seventh year in a row by the Cal Poly women's club team as the Mustangs defeated Navy for the national title May 13 in Denver at the Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates Championship.

"The championship game was a fun and memorable experience," Cal Poly senior goalkeeper Carolyn Rupnik said. "It is not every day one can play for a national title. For Cal Poly lacrosse to do it seven years running speaks highly of the girls, the coaches and the wonderful support of our family and

friends — basically the whole concept of Cal Poly lacrosse."

The Mustangs were seeded No. 1 and played four games over the span of the tournament. The first two rounds were a breeze as the team took down No. 16 Minnesota 22-6, with the goals spread over the sticks of 10 different Cal Poly players.

The quarterfinals saw another steamrolling as Cal Poly defeated No. 8 Michigan State, 19-4. Senior attack player Janelle Jones led the Mustangs with nine goals, followed by sophomore midfielder Molly Sauer with three goals.

With four strong-willed teams left in the running, including rival UC Santa Barbara, the Mustangs

had to pick up the pace. They were matched up against No. 4 Colorado State in the semifinals.

"Colorado State was the first game I have wondered if we would pull it out," senior center Julie Friesen said. "We did not exhibit much heart or drive and they were playing their 'A' game. I knew that if we started playing together and as a team we would have no problem. However, I was wondering when that would happen."

The Mustangs fell behind in the first half 7-3 for the first time in the tournament after Colorado State's Lindsey Brown made two shots in a row. They picked up their game shortly afterward to come within one goal of the Rams at halftime.

Jones took back the lead during the second half, but the Mustangs fell behind once more before leading a five-goal streak that put them on top for the win, 12-9.

"Our team went into halftime down by one, which was clutch, and then came back (in the) second half never looking back," Friesen said.

Rupnik added: "(Colorado State) came out with intensity, and we had to come together as a team to come back and win it."

Jones led once again with she and her younger sister, sophomore midfielder Brittany Jones, posting four goals each. Rupnik also put up a tournament-high 10 saves.

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